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IN THE MATTER OF A REQUEST FOR )  
EXTENDED AREA SERVICE BETWEEN )  
THE COATESVILLE EXCHANGE OF THE )  
CLAY COUNTY RURAL TELEPHONE )  
COMPANY AND THE INDIANAPOLIS )  
EXCHANGE OF INDIANA BELL )  
TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a AMERITECH )  
INDIANA )

CAUSE NO. 40640-EAS

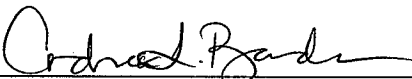
You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

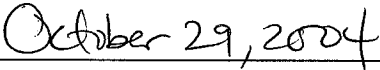
On or about October 4, 1996, a *Request for Approval of Extended Area Service* ("Petition") was filed with the Commission seeking Extended Area Service ("EAS") between the Coatesville Exchange of the Clay County Rural Telephone Company and the Indianapolis exchange of Indiana Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Indiana. This Petition was filed pursuant to the EAS provisions of 170 IAC 7-4-3, an administrative rule that was subsequently repealed by the Commission on February 25, 2000.

The Presiding Officer has determined that there has been no activity in this Cause since 1998. Given that the rule authorizing petition by local exchange customers for EAS between the petitioning exchange and a second exchange has been repealed for a period of over four (4) years, that this Cause has been inactive for lengthy period of time, and that the Commission has more recently considered EAS issues in other, more expansive dockets<sup>1</sup>, the Presiding Officer can find no justification for prolonging the proceedings in the instant Cause.

Therefore, the Presiding Officer directs all parties to this proceeding to notify the Commission within fifteen (15) calendar days as to why they believe this matter should not be dismissed. In the event the parties do not notify the Commission within fifteen (15) calendar days regarding their interest to proceed in this Cause, the Commission may take steps to dismiss this matter without prejudice pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-24.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
Andrea L. Brandes, Administrative Law Judge

  
Date

<sup>1</sup> See Cause Nos. 41242, 40785, 40785-S2, and 40785-S3.